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COOK-LAASE FEBRUARY 6 TELECON

1. SUMMARY. THERE FOLLOWS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFIARS (MFA) NOTE 079/2137 OF FEBRUARY 6 ON 1976 SUMMER SCHEDULES AND EMBASSY COMMENTS ON GOI POSITION. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE MFA...HS THE HONOR TO REPEAT THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION.

QTE. AFTER A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE FINAL 1976 SUMMER SCHEDULES OF THE US CARRIERS, THE FOLLOWING RELATIVE TO ALL-CARGO SERVICE HAS EMERGED.

QTE. SEABOARD HAS SCHEDULED A CHANGE-OF-GAUGE AT FRANKFURT UNTIL MAY 2, 1976, AND THEREAFTER HAS PROPOSED FIVE WEEKLY B-747/F FREQUENCIES TO MILAN, RATHER THAN TEN WEEKLY FREQUENCIES WITH A DC-8/63F.

QTE. PAA HAS NOT PRESENTED A SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1 THROUGH JUNE 11, WHILE THEREAFTER HAS PROPOSED ONE WEEKLY SERVICE DETROIT/CHICAGO/PRESTWICK/

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BRUSSELS/FRANKFURT/ROME/FRANKFURT/LONDON/DETROIT.

QTE. THE ABOVE NOTED ITEMS DO NOT CORRESPOND TO THE INTENT OF THE US-ITALY BILATERAL, EITHER REGARDING THE CHANGE-OF-GAUGE AT FRANKFURT BY SEABOARD, OR THE USE OF B-747/FS BY SEABOARD AND PAA OR, FINALLY, REGARDING THE PLANNED ROUTE BY PAA WHICH INCLUDES A STOP AT BRUSSELS.

QTE. REGARDING THE CHANGE-OF-GAUGE BY SEABOARD AT FRANKFURT, ONE NOTES THAT SEABOARD HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE THIS CHANGE ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS ONLY UNTIL FEBRUARY 29, 1976, PENDING THE FORTHCOMING US-ITALY CONSUL-TATIONS AND, THEREFORE, AT THE PRESENT MOMENT NO OBLIGATION CAN BE UNDERTAKEN IN THIS REGARD.

QTE. RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED INTRODUCTION BY SEA-BOARD AND PAA OF B-747/F TO MILAN AND ROME, RESPECTIVELY, AS INDICATED ABOVE, ONE NOTES THAT THIS TYPE OF AIRCRAFT WAS NOT ENVISAGED UNDER THE INTENT OF THE US-ITALY BILATERAL IN JUNE 1970, A TIME AT WHICH THE AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION WAS NOT IN SERVICE IN THE US SECTOR OR ELSEWHERE AND, THEREFORE, COULD NOT BE THE OBJECT OF CONSIDERATION UNLESS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED.

QTE. FINALLY, REGARDING THE STOP AT BRUSSELS, ONE NOTES THAT THIS IS NOT CONTEMPLATED IN THE US ROUTES ANNEXED TO THE AGREEMENT.

QTE. CONSEQUENTLY, FOR THE REASONS SPECIFIED IN DETAIL, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE PROPOSALS AND ONE NOTES THE NEED FOR THE US CARRIERS TO PRESENT NEW SCHEDULES WHICH DO NOT PROVIDE FOR A CHANGE-OF-GAUGE AT FRANKFURT, THE INTRODUCTION OF B-747/F INTO PAA ALL-CARGO SERVICE, OR AN INTERMEDIATE STOP AT BRUSSELS.

QTE. ONE ADDS THAT THE ABOVE OBSERVATIONS DERIVE FROM A FIRST EXAMINATION OF THE SCHEDULES PRESENTED, AND THEREFORE ONE HAS MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE EVALUATION OF OTHER ELEMENTS, SPECIFICALLY REGARDING THE GLOBAL CAPACITY OFFERED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ALL-CARGO SERVICE AND IN COMBINED SERVICES. UNQTE.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. END TEXT.

3. LOCAL PAA OFFICE APPARENTLY GAVE EMBASSY DUPLICATE COPIES OF ITS ALL-CARGO SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JUNE 12, RATHER THAN A COPY OF THE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 1-JUNE 11 AS WELL AS JUNE 12 SCHEDULE. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT PAA ALL-CARGO SCHE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DULE FOR PERIOD APRIL 1-JUNE 11 ASAP TO PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT PAA NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE AN ALL-CARGO SERVICE DURING THIS PERIOD.

4. REFTEL CONTAINS EMBASSY'S POSITION RE INTRODUCTION OF B-747/F.

5. RE SEABOARD'S CHANGE-OF-GAUGE AT FRANKFURT, EMBASSY

BELIEVES IT QUITE PROPER TO INCLUDE IT IN SUMMER SCHEDULES
SINCE PROVISIONAL CIVILAVIA AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE
CHANGE-OF-GAUGE APPLIED TO 1975-76 WINTER SCHEDULE AND
SHOULD NOT BE PRESUMED TO APPLY TO ANY SUBSEQUENT SCHEDULES.

6. MFA APPARENTLY GOOFED IN OMITTING REFERENCE TO SEABOARD,
WHEN OBJECTING TO INTRODUCTION OF B-747/F IN PENULTIMATE
SUBSTANTIVE PARA OF NOTE REQUESTING NEW SCHEDULES, SINCE
PREVIOUS ARGUMENTATION REFERS TO BOTH PAA AND SEABOARD.
EMBASSY SUGGESTS WE KEEP THIS OVERSIGHT IN RESERVE FOR USE
AT APPROPRIATE TIME DURING CONSULTATIONS.

7. EMBASSY INTENDS TO SUBMIT NONSUBSTANTIVE REPLY TO MFA
EARLY NEXT WEEK, WHICH WOULD TRANSMIT PAA ALL-CARGO SCHEDULE
FOR PERIOD APRIL 1-JUNE 11 (REGRETTING OVERSIGHT), STATE
THAT USG DOES NOT ACCEPT ARGUMENTS PUT FORTH IN MFA NOTE,
AND INDICATE THAT THESE MATTERS WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING
FORTHCOMING USG-GOI CONSULTATIONS.

8. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY ASAP WHETHER
DEPARTMENT APPROVES OF ACTION SUGGESTED PARA (7) ABOVE.
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